The improvement in the job profile of the IAF pilots is a continuous process keeping in view the job specific requirements and operational necessity. The vacancies in the forces including those arising due to premature retirement/resignation are filled up as per normal procedure.

Opening of Chandmari Balaji Temple Road

†2611. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the path to Chandmari Balaji Temple situated on the bank of river Chambal in Kota city passes through military cantonment;

(b) whether this path has been closed by the Army; and

(c) if so, by when the said path will be opened up keeping in view the inconvenience being caused to public?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The path passes through Defence area.

(b) It has been closed for civil traffic.

(c) There is no plan to open the path for civil traffic in view of security considerations.

Undertrail prisoners in Jails

†2612. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that even today undertrial prisoners are languishing in various prisons for decades for committing ordinary offences;

(b) whether Government would prepare the prison-wise details of such prisoners who are awaiting court verdict in the prison for ten years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the court verdict in the much discussed Jessica Lal murder case, has emphasized the need to make proper amendment in the existing law;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of the efforts being made by Government in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As 'Prisons' is a State subject, prison-wise and details of each prisoner are not maintained centrally.

(c) and (d) In the wake of the court verdict in the Jessica Las murder case, the Government is reviewing the relevant provision in the Cr. P.C. to curb the menace of the witnesses turning hostile.

(e) Does not arise.

Terrorist activities in coastal areas of Kerala

2613. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities of any terrorist/extremist groups supported by the external forces come into light in the coastal of Kerala, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to stop such activities.

(b) how many Coast Guard stations are functioning along Kerala coast and whether there is any proposal to set up new stations; and

(c) how far the Coast Guard Forces have succeeded to protect the coastal areas from terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government of Kerala have reported that no extremist or anti-national activities of the nature are noticed in Kerala.

(b) Coast Guard has one District Headquarters located a Kochi in Ernakulam district and a Coast Guard station at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram. There is a proposal to set up a Coast Guard station at Beypore in Kozhikode district.

(c) The Coast Guard maintains surveillance of Indian coastline extending up to the extremity for the Exclusive Economic Zone. This surveillane mechanism acts as deterrent for terrorists.

Illegal flow of explosives to Kerala

2614. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of illegal flow of explosives to fundamental outfits of Kerala;